The Hinsdale Swim Club Fall Classic was held on November 16-18, 2018 at Hinsdale Central High School. The other teams participating included Express Swim Team, Hornet Swim Club, Joliet Park District, Lemont Park District, and Lyons Aquatics.

In the 8 and Under age group, there were 25 HSC swimmers - 15 girls and 8 boys. Adam Li, age 5, was the youngest swimmer and swam the 25 back and 25 free. Grace Knuepfer, age 6, swam the 25 breast and 50 free for the first time. There were many best times in this age group, including Lucas Kinzler who dropped 9.79 seconds in the 25 back stroke! Mostly our youngest swimmers had fun swimming in their home pool and cheering each other on!

In the 9-10 year old age group, there were 45 HSC swimmers. The biggest drop in time from this age group was Katie Frandsen swimming the 100 IM and taking 12.33 off her previous time. Madeline Temple dropped 11.95 of of her 50 Fly time and Sarah Pelinkovic dropped 9.41 in this event as well. Blake Abbott swam the 200 IM and dropped 7.20 from his time and in the 100 IM, William Jagoe dropped 7.07, and Annie Rocca dropped 6.06 from her time. Rezaan Malick dropped 9.33 off her 100 Free time and Annie Rocca dropped 6.42 seconds off her time in the same event. Rounding out this age group we saw Avinash Buchapalli take 7.39 seconds off in the 50 back and Isaiah Shin dropped 9.76 seconds from his 50 free. This age group swam well with many other swimmers dropping 5+ seconds off times in their respective events as they cheered each other on to swim their best.

In the 11-12 age group, there were 40 HSC swimmers - 18 girls and 22 boys. There were many best times, but standout time drops include Madison Milne with a 32.75 second drop in the 200 free and 18.68 second drop in 100 breast; Andre Zhao with a 16.36 second drop in the 200 free and 12.13 second drop in the 200 IM; and Noah Pelinkovic with a 15.41 second drop in the 200 IM and 9.55 second drop in the 200 free.

The 13 and over age group was well represented with 74 HSC swimmers. Several of our high school swimmers joined us on Sunday after cheering on their Hinsdale Central High School Girls swim team at state. We witnessed several significant time drops in various events, starting with Carolyn Hicks who swam the 500 Free and dropped 41.04 seconds from her time. Robert Fix dropped 42.97 seconds from his 100 IM time, Ashwin Menon swam the 200 Free and dropped 58.92 seconds and Daniel Schlais swam the 100 IM taking 29.77 seconds off his time. Excellent work swimmers! In the 200 Free event, Michael D’Aprile and Christopher Rakos dropped 13.97 and 14.82 from their times. Swimming the 100 back, Robert Fix took 15.02 seconds off and Xing Gao too 11.78 seconds off his time. Olivia Suliga swam the 100 Fly taking 12.62 off her previous time, Kyle Haake took 11.46 seconds off of his 100 IM event and Brandon Walker swam the 100 breast dropping 10.17 seconds. We witnessed some strong relays by our high schoolers and enjoyed the camaraderie and team spirit shown as they were on deck.

Congratulations to all of our HSC swimmers and thank you to all of the coaches and volunteers who made the meet such a fun event!

**Records Broken at HSC Fall Classic**

1. Cullen Cochlan – 15-16 Men’s 100 IM – 54.24Y – 11/18/2018
2. Maura Fitzgerald – 13-14 Women’s 200 Back – 2:10.51 – 11/17/2018
3. Maura Fitzgerald – 13-14 Women’s 100 IM – 1:04.71 – 11/18/2018
4. Elissa Haake – 17-18 Women’s 100 IM – 1:03.04 – 11/18/2018
5. Danny Wang – 13-14 Men’s 100 IM – 1:00.53Y – 11/18/2018
6. Megan Michaels – 15-16 Women’s 100 IM – 1:07.40Y (tie) – 11/18/2018